

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7812

Investigation, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005(d)(1), into)
the total amount of qualifying SPEED resources)

Order entered: 12/6/2011

**ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND NOTICE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

I. BACKGROUND

In 2005 the Vermont General Assembly created the Sustainably Priced Energy Enterprise Development ("SPEED") program¹ to achieve the renewable energy goals set forth in 30 V.S.A. § 8001.

Section 8005(d)(1) requires the Public Service Board ("Board") to open a proceeding, on or before January 1, 2012, "to determine the total amount of qualifying SPEED resources that have been supplied to Vermont retail electricity providers or have been issued a certificate of public good." Pursuant to Section 8005(d)(1):

If the board finds that the amount of qualifying SPEED resources coming into service or having been issued a certificate of public good after January 1, 2005 and before July 1, 2012 equals or exceeds total statewide growth in electric retail sales during that time, and in addition, at least five percent of the 2005 total statewide electric retail sales is provided by qualified SPEED resources or would be provided by qualified SPEED resources that have been issued a certificate of public good, or if it finds that the amount of qualifying SPEED resources equals or exceeds 10 percent of total statewide electric retail sales for calendar year 2005, the portfolio standards established under this chapter shall not be in force.²

In this Order the Board opens the proceeding required by Section 8005(d)(1) and appoints a hearing officer to conduct the proceeding.

1. 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a).

2. 30 V.S.A. § 8005(d)(1). (The "portfolio standards" referenced in Section 8005(d)(1) refer to the Renewable Portfolio Standards set forth in Section 8004.)

II. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that:

1. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 8005(d)(1), an investigation is hereby instituted to determine the total amount of qualifying SPEED resources that have been supplied to Vermont retail electricity providers or have been issued a certificate of public good.

2. Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 8, Thomas Knauer, Utilities Analyst, is appointed to serve as the Hearing Officer in this docket.

3. A prehearing conference will be held, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 10(c), on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, People's United Bank Building, 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont. All participants shall be prepared to address questions of scheduling at that time.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 6th day of December, 2011.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

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FILED: December 6, 2011

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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